



ANNUAL REPORT

1998

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of the

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

JEFFERSON, NH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Paul F. Donovan
SELECTMEN	Carroll E. Ingerson, Chairman Raymond M. Conway Michele C. Ward
TREASURER	Marie A. Noyes
TAX COLLECTOR	Mary L. Gross
TOWN CLERK	Opal L. Bronson
AUDITOR	Rita M. Larcomb
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	Donald Noyes Cheryl Meehan Lloyd Ingerson
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	Jeffrey Wiseman, Director
PLANNING BOARD	James Irish, Chairman
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS	Kim Perry, Chairman
FIRE CHIEF	Vyron Lowe
FAST SQUAD	Larry Coulter, Jr., Director
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Jason Call Harold Davis Rupert Corrigan
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Wilma Corrigan, Chairman Adele Woods Lena Savage
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	Marjorie Doan, Chairman

WARRANT 1999 TOWN MEETING

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the **ninth** day of March next, at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.**

ARTICLE 2: To see what action the Town will take on the following: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 and #7 to the Land Use Plan Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board. Amendment #6 changes Article 3 - Section 2 to allow telecommunications and facilities as a permitted use by special exception. Amendment #7 adds Article X - a telecommunications equipment and facilities ordinance regulating the placement, spacing, installation, location and number of both wireless and conventional telephone facilities.**

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. That sum being \$384,330.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

\$ 5,000 Highway Vehicle CRF	\$3,000 Revaluation CRF
10,000 Fire Truck CRF	5,000 Buildings CRF
5,000 Town Dump Closure CRF	2,000 Perambulation CRF
3,000 RT 115B Reconstruction CRF	

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$485 (50 cents per capita) for the support of the Mt. Washington Regional Airport (Whitefield). Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to help pay the insurance premium on the Jefferson Historical building, such sum to be given to the Historical Society Treasurer by August 1999. The Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 3000 gallon tank, accessories and labor to build a water tanker for the Fire Department (truck and chassis already purchased), and to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow up to \$35,000 by issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town in accordance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) upon such terms and at such rate of interest as the Selectmen may determine and further to authorize the Selectmen to do whatever may be necessary in connection with the issuance of such notes or bonds. The payment on notes or bond to be paid in 2000 and 2001. (2/3 ballot vote required). Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of crushing gravel for the Highway Department. This sum to come from the fund balance (surplus) and no amount to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,600 for the purpose of purchasing 9-1-1 numbers to do house numbering. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,100 for the purchase of a **granite** monument and lettering to replace the present Honor Roll.

ARTICLE 11: The polling hours in the Town of Jefferson for State Election are now 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Shall we place a question on the state election ballot to change polling hours so that polls shall open at 11:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. for all regular State Elections beginning in 2000.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of such property of the Town as the Selectmen in their sole discretion, deem equitable, just and subject to existing laws.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance dealing with the enforcement of the regulation of smoking in places accessible to the public. This Ordinance will prohibit smoking in all public places, so defined, that do not provide a restricted enclosed area for smoking, the proper signage of non-smoking areas, employee protection, and self-service displays for the sale of tobacco products. (see page #11 for ordinance)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes.

ARTICLE 15: To transact any other business that may come before this meeting.

****Article 1 and 2 to be voted by ballot while polls are open.**

Given under our hands and seal this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-nine.

A True Copy: ATTEST

CARROLL E. INGERSON, Chairman

RAYMOND M. CONWAY

MICHELE C. WARD

Board of Selectmen

Town of Jefferson, NH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998

Purpose of Appropriations	Approp. Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expend. Prior Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Executive	\$27,800	\$27,269	\$28,000
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	7,000	6,798	7,000
Financial Administration	17,000	14,712	17,000
Legal Expense	3,000	35	3,000
Planning and Zoning	7,000	4,260	7,000
General Government Buildings	12,000	12,656	12,000
Cemeteries	5,000	4,400	7,000
Insurance	18,000	16,276	18,000
Other General Government		13,175	
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police	4,815	4,668	4,815
Ambulance	6,500	5,892	6,500
Fire	25,000	24,974	26,500
Emergency Management	400	—	400
FAST Squad	1,500	596	1,500
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			
Airport Operations (War. Art. #5)	502	502	485
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			
Highways & Streets	85,000	76,042	85,000
Bridges	3,000	—	3,000
Street Lighting	5,500	5,373	5,500
Other - 9-1-1		3,625	
SANITATION			
Dump Closure		10,000	10,000
Solid Waste Disposal	50,000	52,964	68,000
Sewage Coll & Disposal & Other	1,000	689	1,000
ELECTRIC			
Other Electric Costs	1,000	0	
HEALTH			
Pest Control	500	70	500
Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	9,558	9,558	9,665
WELFARE			
Admin. & Direct Assistance	3,000	884	3,000
CULTURE & RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation	5,000	5,382	6,500
Library	8,000	7,399	8,000

Patriotic Purposes	500	175	500
Other Culture & Recreation (War. Art. #5)	300	300	300
CONSERVATION			
Admin. & Purchases of Natural Resources	350	315	350
DEBT SERVICE			
Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	30,329	30,329	30,000
Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	2,000	2,858	2,000
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000	9,399	10,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	20,000	20,000	
Buildings	21,730	14,825	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
Sewer	2,600	3,710	2,600
To Capital Reserve Fund (War. Art. #4)	39,100	39,100	33,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$433,984</u>	<u>\$429,310</u>	<u>\$418,115</u>

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Approp.	War. Art. #	Approp. Prior Yr. as Approved by DRA	Expend. Prior Year	Approp. Ens. Fiscal Year (Recommended)
Build Tank FD	7			35,000
Subtotal				<u>\$35,000</u>

INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Crush Gravel	8			5,000
Honor Roll Monument	10			6,100
9-1-1 Numbers	9			2,600
Subtotal				<u>\$13,700</u>

Source of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Prior Year	Estimated Actual Revenue Prior Year	Revenue Ensuing Year
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	500	0	500
Resident Taxes	5,000	4,980	5,000
Timber Taxes	15,000	25,934	15,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,000	3,524	3,500
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000	48,554	35,000
Inventory Penalties		69	
Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu. yd.)		0	100
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	95,000	126,752	105,000
Building Permits	30	37	30
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	3,000	3,207	3,000
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	15,000	22,613	15,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	8,000	14,960	12,000
Highway Block Grant	31,915	31,915	31,167
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	3,884	6,737	4,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	1,000	359	1,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property		200	
Interest on Investments	2,000	1,731	2,000
Other	6,000	9,033	6,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
Sewer (Offset)	3,600	4,035	3,600
From Capital Reserve Funds	20,000	20,000	0
From Trust & Agency Funds	3,000	10,990	1,700
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds & Notes			35,000
Amts. VOTED from F/B ("Surplus")			5,000
TOTAL EST. REVENUE & CREDITS	\$255,929	\$335,631	\$283,597

BUDGET SUMMARY

Appropriations Recommended	\$418,115
Special Warrant Art. Recommended	35,000
"Individual" Warrant Art. Recommended	13,700
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	466,815
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	283,597
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$183,218

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

There has been a recent jump in the municipal solid waste disposal costs from \$21.75 to \$50.00 per ton. The surrounding towns have already, or will be going to: a pay-as-you-throw program.

We are desperately trying to avoid this, but we need your help. NO vehicle will be allowed to dispose of any trash unless they possess a transfer station sticker. These stickers are available at the town hall, and cost \$1.00.

The separation of regular and recycled materials MUST be strictly adhered to. Violation of this could result in fines and/or more importantly the outright refusal of our waste. This would leave our town with no means for the disposal of our trash.

We are at a crossroads and only the cooperation of the townspeople of Jefferson can make the difference.

Respectfully submitted,

The Selectmen
FRANK GRAY,
Transfer Station Officer

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE SMOKING

Sec. 1. Regulated Areas

(a) Smoking in restaurants, including any bar area of the restaurant that is not in an enclosed area, shall be prohibited, or at the owner's option, limited to a single designated smoking area which is in an enclosed area. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of a request from the town's health officer, the owner of a restaurant containing a designated smoking area as permitted hereunder shall provide, to the health officer, proof of adequate ventilation from a certified heating, ventilation, and air conditioning engineer or equally qualified professional. The number of seats in the designated smoking area shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the restaurant's total seating capacity. The configuration of restaurants shall not require non-smoking dining patrons to pass through any portion of a designated smoking area.

(b) The owner of any restaurant that contains an area where smoking is permitted hereunder must conspicuously post a sign identifying smoking and non-smoking areas. The sign shall measure no less than 8 X 10 inches.

(c) Upon enactment, the determination of whether an establishment is a bar or a restaurant shall be made by the health officer based upon gross receipts for the twelve months immediately preceding the month in which this article takes effect. The owner of the establishment shall provide a written statement, under oath, as to the breakdown of its gross receipts as to alcohol and food sales to the health officer. The health officer may require reasonable backup documentation verifying such statement. In the event such statement is not submitted, or reasonable documentation which has been requested is not provided, the establishment shall be deemed to be a restaurant until such statement and/or documentation is provided. In the case of an establishment which has been in operation less than one year as of the effective date of this article, such establishment shall be treated as a new establishment as provided in section above for purposes of determining its status as a bar or restaurant. After the initial determination, re-determination as to the status as a bar or restaurant shall be made at the time of the establishment's annual liquor license renewal. The burden shall be on the establishment to provide a sworn statement, with any reasonable documentation as to food and alcohol sales as provided herein for twelve months

immediately preceding the month of renewal. The burden shall be on the establishment to provide a sworn statement, with any reasonable documentation requested by the health officer, as to its status as a bar or restaurant, and in the absence of such statement and reasonable documentation, the establishment shall be deemed to be a restaurant. "Health Officer" as used herein shall mean and include the individual appointed by the town's selectmen and any designee thereof.

(d) Failure or refusal to provide the statement and documentation required under paragraph (c) immediately above shall be a civil violation subject to the general penalty provisions of section 4 of this article.

Sec. 2 Where Smoking Is Not Regulated.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article to the contrary, the following areas shall not be subject to the smoking restrictions of this article:

1. bars:
2. private residences:
3. restaurants while in use, in their entirety or within an enclosed area, for private functions: and
4. any patio or other area of a restaurant which is entirely open to the sky

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, any owner of a restaurant may declare all of the establishment to be a nonsmoking restaurant. Nothing herein requires an owner to provide a designated smoking area.

Sec. 3 Employee Protections.

Employees of a restaurant, including but not limited to waiters, waitresses, hostesses, and cashiers, that contains a designated smoking area as permitted hereunder shall have the right to choose not to work in a designated smoking area or at private functions when smoking is permitted. Such employees may voluntarily serve patrons in designated smoking areas or at private smoking functions but shall not be required to do so.

Sec. 4. Penalties

(a) Prior to citing an owner for violation of this division, the owner shall be given a written warning for any such violation by the town's health officer. Thereafter, in the case of the first violation of this article, the owner shall be fined one hundred (\$100.00) dollars. In the case of a second violation of this division within any twelve (12) month period, the owner shall be

fined two hundred dollars (\$200.00). In the case of three violations of this article within any twelve (12) month period, the owner shall be fined three hundred dollars (\$300.00). In the case of four or more violations within a twelve (12) month period, the owner shall be fined five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation.

(b) The town may prosecute the civil violation hereunder in court and/or, in addition to any other remedy hereunder, the town may enjoin or abate any violation of this article by appropriate court action. In addition to any such penalty or injunction, if the court finds for the town, the town shall recover its costs of suit, including but not limited to reasonable expert's fees, and attorney's fees. No fine imposed under this article shall be suspended in whole or in part. In addition to any other method of collection which may be available, any penalty which is imposed but unpaid hereunder shall be considered a separate violation hereunder and shall be treated as funds due to town.

Sec. 5 Free Distribution: Sampling.

The free distribution or sampling of tobacco is prohibited in the town of Jefferson. A violation of this section shall be a civil violation subject to the general penalty provisions of section 4 of this code.

Sec. 6 Self-service Displays.

(a) Self-service displays of tobacco products, from which individual packages, cartons, or items may be selected by the customer, are prohibited in the town of Jefferson.

(b) A violation of this section shall be a civil violation subject to the general penalty provisions of section 4 of this article.

Sec. 7 Nonretaliation.

No person or employer shall discharge, refuse to hire or in any manner retaliate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employee or applicant exercises any right to a smokefree environment afforded by this article. Likewise, no person or employer shall discharge, refuse to hire or in any manner retaliate against any employee or applicant for employment because such employees or applicant exercises any right to smoke in the designated areas as defined by this article. A violation of this section shall be a civil violation subject to the general penalty provisions of section 4 of this article.

Sec. 8 Other Applicable Laws.

This article shall not be interpreted or construed to permit smoking where it is otherwise restricted by other applicable laws.

Sec. 9 Effective date; Extension.

(a) This article shall take effect one hundred and twenty (120) days from its date of passage by the voters of the town of Jefferson.

(b) During the above one hundred and twenty day period, any owner of a restaurant who intends to provide a separate designated smoking area in the restaurant as permitted under this article may file a written application with the health officer requesting up to an additional one hundred and twenty days from the effective date of this article prior to any enforcement against said restaurant. The health officer may grant such reasonable extension for bringing such separate smoking area into compliance with this article upon finding that the restaurant owner has made a good faith effort to comply with this article by:

1. diligently planning and/or designing any renovations needed to provide such separate smoking area; and
2. diligently proceeding to implement such required renovations. The decision of the health officer shall be final.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have examined the 1998 Bank Books, Statements, and all other financial records for the Town of Jefferson and have found them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Respectfully submitted,

RITA M. LARCOMB

Auditor

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land

Current Use (Current Use Value)		
19,500 Acres	\$	1,032,314
Residential		
6,525 Acres		17,228,200
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use		
748 Acres		1,882,700
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND		\$20,143,214

Buildings

Residential	30,023,900	
Manufactured Housing	1,768,600	
Commercial	6,010,300	
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		37,802,800

Utilities

Public Service Company of New Hampshire	1,173,200	
Portland Pipeline Corporation	3,455,300	
TOTAL UTILITIES		4,628,500

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

62,574,514

Exemptions

Blind (2)	-30,000	
Elderly (9)	-155,000	
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		-185,000

NET VALUE FOR TAX COMPUTATION

\$62,389,514

(Land tax exempt and non-taxable 3,576.29 acres value 1,524,800.
Buildings tax exempt and non-taxable value 1,290,900)

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Town Appropriations	\$ 433,984
Less Revenues	345,980
Net Town Appropriations	88,004
Add School Appropriations	1,130,765
Add County Appropriations	232,107
TOTAL	1,450,876
Less Shared Revenues	17,142
Add Veterans Credit	3,750
Add Overlay	5,585
PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	1,443,069

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - \$62,389.514 times \$23.13
equals \$1,443,069 (all figures rounded)

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES

Property Taxes	\$1,583,337	
Resident Taxes	4,980	
Yield Taxes	25,934	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	3,524	
Interest and Penalties	<u>48,623</u>	
TOTAL		\$1,666,398

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Motor Vehicles	126,752	
Building Permits	37	
Other Licenses and Permits	<u>3,207</u>	
TOTAL		129,996

FROM STATE AND FEDERAL

Shared Revenue Block Grant	22,613	
Highway Block Grant	31,915	
State & Federal Land Reimbursements	602	
Rooms and Meal Tax	14,960	
Fire Warden Reimbursement	934**	
Other Reimbursement/Railroad	<u>5,201</u>	
TOTAL		76,225

MISC. REVENUE SOURCES

Sale of Scrap Metal	404	
Charges from Departments	359	
Miscellaneous	6,382	
Interest on Investment	1,730	
Sewer Fees	4,036	
Sale of Municipal Property	200	
Sale of History Books	1,176	
Receipts from Bicentennial	14	
Christmas Festival	100	
Insurance Dividends	<u>244</u>	
TOTAL		14,645

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS

Cemetery Trust Fund	3,400	
Reclamation Fund	<u>8,303</u>	
TOTAL		11,703

TEMPORARY LOAN

Truck Loan	20,000	
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>550,576</u>	
TOTAL		570,576

TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES	\$2,469,543
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FUND BALANCE AS OF 1/1/98	120,605
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GRAND TOTAL	\$2,590,148
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**Fire Dept. - Fire Warden reimbursement 934 to offset
Fire Department expense account.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$27,269
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	6,798
Financial Administration	14,712
Planning Board	3,917
Zoning Board	343
Legal Expenses	35
Town Hall & Other	
Government Buildings	12,656
Insurance	16,276
Cemeteries	4,400
Tax Abatements & Refunds	3,998
Other Government Reimbursement	1,587
Taxes Bought by Town	101,688
Whitefield Regional Airport	502

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire (853 to be reimbursed)	24,975
Police	3,853
Animal Control	70
Fast Squad	595
Lancaster District Court	
Juvenile Diversion	815

HIGHWAY AND STREETS

Highway and Streets	76,042
Street Lighting	5,373
9-1-1 Road Signs & Installation	3,625

SANITATION

Solid Waste Disposal & Recycling	52,964
Tire Removal	7,590
Grounds Upkeep Leachfield	689
Sewage Collection & Disposal	0
Landfill Closure Plans	10,000

HEALTH

Ambulance	5,892
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Senior Meals	475	
Health Services (includes warrant articles)	9,083	
WELFARE		
Direct Assistance	883	
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Parks and Recreation	2,914	
Moving and Setup of the Monuments	2,467	
Library	7,399	
Patriotic Purposes	175	
Historical Society (warrant article)	300	
CONSERVATION		
Conservation Commission	315	
DEBT SERVICE		
Temporary Loans (TAN)	550,576	
Interest Tax Anticipation Note	9,399	
Long Term Debt Addition	20,000	
Interest Long Term Debt	1,894	
Long Term Debt Backhoe	10,329	
Interest Long Term Debt	526	
Interest LTD Dodge	437	
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Town Hall Addition	14,825	
1998 Dodge 1-ton	20,000	
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund	39,100	
Transfer to Sewer Fund	3,710	
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
Taxes Paid to County	232,107	
Taxes Paid to School District	1,146,279	
EXPENDITURES	2,459,857	
Return of Material	167	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		<u><u>\$2,460,024</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 120,605	\$ 130,124
Taxes Receivable	247,971	207,137
Tax Liens Receivable	141,689	142,628
Accounts Receivable	0	0
Other Funds & Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	510,265	479,889

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Warrants & Accounts Payable	1,776	0
Due to School District	333,085	317,571
Contract Payable	9,650	0
Due to Other Funds	0	0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	344,511	317,571

FUND EQUITY

Reserve for Special Purpose	14,500	21,730
Unreserved Fund Balance	151,254	140,588
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	165,754	162,318
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$510,265	\$479,889

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	\$ 98,900
Furniture and equipment	15,500
Library, land and buildings	50,400
Furniture and equipment	12,000
Police Department	2,000
Fire Department, building	94,900
Equipment	113,800
Highway Department, Equipment	194,000
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	23,000
Gravel Pit	7,300
Solid Waste Facility	45,800
Cemeteries	54,000
Deeded land and buildings	92,900
TOTAL	<hr/> \$804,500

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES		
		1997	1996	1995 1994 1993
DR.				
Uncollected Taxes				
Beginning of Year*				
Property Taxes		\$ 246,885.50		
Resident Taxes		930.00	\$150.00	\$190.00
Yield Taxes		758.00		
Utilities		2,894.50	163.00	
Taxes Committed				
This Year:				
Property Taxes	\$1,439,478.94			
Resident Taxes	5,540.00	20.00		
Yield Taxes	29,914.00			
Utilities	3,790.00			
Overpayment:				
Property Taxes	150.00			
Collect. Int. -				
Late Taxes	383.20	17,341.13		
Penalties -				
Resident Tax	9.00	50.00	3.00	7.00
TOTAL DEBITS	<u><u>\$1,479,361.14</u></u>	<u><u>\$268,879.13</u></u>	<u><u>\$316.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$197.00</u></u>

*This amount should be the same as last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

	Levy for Year of this Report	1997	PRIOR LEVIES 1996	1995 1994 1993
CR.				
Remitted to Treasurer:				
Property Taxes	\$1,237,111.19	\$156,184.45	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00
Resident Taxes	4,360.00	520.00		
Yield Taxes	25,176.00	758.00		
Utilities	978.00	734.50	163.00	
Interest	388.20	17,341.13		
Penalties	9.00	50.00	3.00	7.00
Conversion to Lien		92,861.05		
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	210.48			
Resident Taxes		80.00	60.00	30.00
Uncollected Taxes				
End of Year:				
Property Taxes	202,307.27			
Resident Taxes	1,280.00	350.00	60.00	90.00
Yield Taxes	4,738.00			
Utilities	2,812.00			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,479,370.14	\$268,879.13	\$316.00	\$197.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

	Levy for Year of this Report	1996	PRIOR LEVIES 1995	1994
DR.				
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of Year		\$81,226.67	\$39,019.33	\$138.91
Liens Executed During Year	\$92,861.05			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	3,417.44	10,600.18	16,807.20	
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$96,278.49</u>	<u>\$91,826.85</u>	<u>\$55,826.53</u>	<u>\$138.91</u>
CR.				
Remittance to Treasurer: Redemptions	23,021.10	38,764.96	37,554.73	
Int./Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	3,417.44	10,600.18	16,807.20	
Liens Deeded to Municipality	644.11	767.80	617.13	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Year	69,195.84	41,693.91	847.47	138.91
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$96,278.49</u>	<u>\$91,826.85</u>	<u>\$55,826.53</u>	<u>\$138.91</u>

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GROSS
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby certify that during the year ending December 31, 1998, I issued 1,552 Auto Registrations, collecting for same \$126,752.00 which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I collected 1,425 Reclamation Trust Fund fees, amounting to \$4,008.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I issued 280 Dog Licenses collecting for same \$1,895.00, which I turned over to the Treasurer.

I recorded and reported to the State Vital Records Bureau 5 Births, 14 Marriages and 7 Deaths.

I collected \$6.00 in Filing Fees which I turned over to the Treasurer.

My expenses for postage, supplies, meetings and convention were \$495.76.

Respectfully submitted,

OPAL L. BRONSON
Town Clerk

1998 TREASURER'S REPORT

I hereby certify that the year ending December 31, 1998, that I have received from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Reclamation Trust Fund, Sewer Fund, Lancaster National Bank, plus paid Selectmen's orders and carried out other transactions as follows, in the three succeeding separate accounts, to the best of my knowledge.

GENERAL FUND CREDITS:

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1998		\$ 120,605.04
1998 Deposits	\$1,908,934.06	
Bank Loans (Tax Anticipation)	550,576.00	
Interest on N.O.W. & HIFI Accounts	1,730.53	
Reclamation Trust Fund	8,302.50	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>2,469,543.09</u>	<u>2,469,543.09</u>
		\$2,590,148.13

GEN. FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

Selectmen's Orders	-2,460,024.44
1998 Gen. Fund Bank Balance	\$ 130,123.69

R.T.F.:

1997 Balance		\$ 14,830.31
1998 Deposits	4,008.00	
1998 Interest	412.39	
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>4,420.39</u>	<u>4,420.39</u>
		\$ 19,250.70

R.T.F. DISBURSEMENTS:

Town Clerks Commission		
(1425 Registrations)	712.50	
Tire Removal	7,590.00	
	<u>8,302.50</u>	
		-8,302.50
1998 R.T.F. Balance		\$ 10,948.20

SEWER FUND:

1997 Balance	6,470.47
1998 Deposits	3,709.50
1998 Interest	164.49
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>10,344.46</u>

SEWER FUND DISBURSEMENTS:

No Selectmen's Orders	
1998 SEWER FUND BALANCE	\$ 10,344.46

Respectfully submitted,
MARIE A. NOYES, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS For the Year Ended 12/31/98

Deposits with Lancaster National Bank:

Cemetery Care	\$ 83,910.88
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	1,977.93
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	935.00
Skating Rink Fund	933.04
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	22,925.57

Total Deposits with Lanc. Nat. Bank:	<u>\$110,682.42</u>
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Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool:

Capital Reserve Funds:

#1 Highway Vehicle	\$ 19,019.01
#2 Revaluation	23,367.58
#3 Dump Closure	24,681.56
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	3,552.73
#5 Reconstruction of Rte. 115B	16,923.87
#6 Fire Truck	32,782.51
#7 Buildings	17,254.68
Perambulating Fund	<u>6,274.98</u>

Total Funds in PDIP:

	<u>\$143,856.92</u>
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Total of all Trust Accounts, As of 12/31/98

<u>\$254,539.34</u>

Total of all Trust Accounts, As of 12/31/97

<u>208,065.90</u>

Payments:

Care of Cemeteries	1,830.00
White Mtns. Regional Library	28.21
Scholarships	<u>1,200.00</u>

Total Expenses

<u>\$3,058.21</u>

Additions to Funds:

Interest Earned on Accounts	10,431.65
Ben Kenison Fund Donations	0.00
Nevers-Jefferson Donations	0.00
CR#1 Highway Vehicle	5,000.00
CR#2 Revaluation	3,000.00
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund	5,000.00
CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B	3,000.00
CR#6 Fire Truck	10,000.00
CR#7 Buildings	11,100.00
Perambulation Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>

Total Additions:

<u>\$ 49,531.65</u>

Net Increase (Decrease) to all Funds:

<u>\$ 46,473.44</u>

Balance as of 12/31/98

<u><u>\$254,539.34</u></u>

Trustees of Trust Funds:

JASON CALL

RUPERT CORRIGAN

HAROLD DAVIS

1998 LIBRARY BUDGET REPORT**RECEIPTS**

1997 Balance:		
Books	\$ 317.17	
Audio Visual	8.01	
Supplies	33.68	
Miscellaneous	118.11	
Janitor	20.50	
Magazines	56.89	
Postage	25.43	
Gifts (Memory Diana Hicks & Alberta Marshall)	33.34	
	<u>613.13</u>	\$613.13
1998 Deposits:		
Town Budget	1,900.00	
Reimbursement (2-C.P. Books)	8.95	
Refund (1 video - Critics Choice Videos)	14.26	
Gift (North Country League of Women Voters)	181.09	
Gift (Memory Roland Nevers)	125.00	
K.B.&A. Grant (State of NH)	250.00	
	<u>\$2,479.30</u>	2,479.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$3,092.43</u>

EXPENSES

Books (79 reg.; 2-C.P.)	\$1,100.96	
Audio Visual (3 reg)	34.88	
Supplies (pick-up bin; summer reading week)	110.36	
Miscellaneous (Comm. Calendar ad; summer program K.B.&A. Grant; co-op meeting)	281.20	
Janitor (trash & snow removal)	100.00	
Magazines (8 Subs.)	210.28	
Postage (Stamps/ P.O. Box rental @ \$20.00)	32.80	
	<u>\$1,870.48</u>	1,870.48
1998 BANK BALANCE		<u>\$1,221.95</u>

CASH ON HAND

1998 Overdue Fees (less expense \$5.14)	\$ 42.13	
Books sold	9.41	
Copy machine fees	38.95	
	<u>\$ 90.49</u>	90.49
1998 TOTAL BALANCE		<u>\$1,312.44</u>

Respectfully submitted,
WILMA CORRIGAN, Trustee Treasurer

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive - Selectmen's Office

Salaries

Carroll Ingerson, Chairman	1,200	
Raymond Conway	1,200	
Michele Ward	1,200	
Linda Cushman, Assistant to Board	15,450	
Paul Donovan, Moderator	75	
Employer Share FICA & Medicare	1,362	
Printing	1,491	
Phone	727	
Postage/Envelopes	503	
Advertising	65	
Purchase of typewriter	125	
Membership & Dues	805	
Office Supplies	461	
Executive Expenses	100	
Software Update & Maintenance	1,700	
Town Meeting Expenses	126	
Office Machine Repair & Maintenance	35	
Current Use Filing	61	
Miscellaneous Expenses	583	
TOTAL		\$ 27,269

Election, Registration and Vital Statistics

Salaries

Opal Bronson, Town Clerk	1,000	
Lloyd Ingerson, Supervisor Checklist	200	
Donald Noyes, Supervisor Checklist	200	
Cheryl Meehan, Supervisor Checklist	200	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	122	
Auto Registration Fees Paid Clerk	3,104	
Reclamation Trust Fees Paid Clerk	713	
Voter Registration	24	
Dog Licenses and Fees Paid Clerk	280	
Vital Records	11	
Convention, Meetings & Dues	399	
Postage	180	
Supplies Dog Licenses & Tags	84	
Printing Ballots	107	
Supervisors Expenses	153	
Misc.	20	
TOTAL		6,797

Financial Administration

Assessing

Annual Pick Up Work	1,468
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Abatement Consulting	270	
Assessing Consulting	400	
Tax Map Maintenance	340	
File Storage	843	
Updating Files	242	
Subtotal		3,563
Treasurer		
Salary - Marie A. Noyes	2,000	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	153	
Postage and Envelopes	183	
Expenses	150	
Miscellaneous	33	
Subtotal		2,519
Tax Collector		
Salary - Mary Gross	6,300	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	482	
Recording Fees	146	
Postage/Envelopes	1,032	
Dues	15	
Redemptions	160	
Discharges	64	
Printing	74	
Miscellaneous	53	
Subtotal		8,326
Other Business Operations		
Auditing of Town Books	300	
Postage	4	
Subtotal		304
TOTAL		14,712

Planning and Zoning Board

Planning		
Salary - Ruth Lowe	1,521	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	110	
Planning & Development	50	
Lectures	222	
Recording Fees	101	
Advertising	156	
Office Supplies	99	
Purchase fireproof File	452	
Envelopes - Postage Paid	210	
Abutters Mailings	42	
Miscellaneous	30	
Dues	734	
Printing	191	
Subtotal		3,918

Zoning

Salary - Rita Larcomb	144	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	11	
Advertising	91	
Postage	51	
Seminar	45	
Subtotal		342
TOTAL		4,260

Airport Operations

White Mountain Regional Airport	502	
TOTAL		502

Insurance

Property Liability - NHMA	9,112	
Workers Compensation	7,164	
TOTAL		16,276

Police

Salary	2,640	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	202	
Mileage	565	
Uniform	164	
Strobe Bar	213	
Juvenile Diversion Program	815	
Miscellaneous	68	
TOTAL		4,667

Library

Salary		
Brenda Gross	1,528	
Lucille Cameron	1,684	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	251	
Trustee Budget	1,900	
Heating Fuel	1,017	
Phone	366	
Electricity	336	
Grounds Upkeep	186	
Repair & Maintenance Library	131	
TOTAL		7,399

Highway Department

Summer Maintenance Salary	11,068	
Winter Maintenance Salary	23,122	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	2,755	
Hired Equipment	1,691	
Road Maintenance	2,467	

Fuel	2,450	
Salt	2,326	
Chloride	3,461	
Winter Sand	3,685	
Repair and Maintenance Supplies	1,645	
General Highway Expense		
Garage Rent	3,200	
Ford 1992	1,522	
International	228	
Dodge 1998 (payment included)	10,386	
Body and Plow	4,054	
Grader	27	
Electricity	220	
Large Sander	373	
Small Sander	780	
Traded 9' Wing for 11' Wing	400	
Miscellaneous	182	
TOTAL		76,042
<u>Street Lighting</u>		
Public Service Company	5,373	
TOTAL		5,373
<u>Conservation Commission</u>		
Books, Maps & Ecological Report	85	
Donation	50	
Seminars	30	
Dues	150	
TOTAL		315
<u>Fast Squad</u>		
Training Recertification	300	
Radio Batteries, Antenna, Program	296	
TOTAL		596
<u>Patriotic Purposes</u>		
Memorial Day	125	
July 4th	50	
TOTAL		175
<u>Historical Society</u>		
Insurance	300	
TOTAL		300
<u>Parks and Recreation</u>		
Salary		
Swim Lessons Colonel Town Recreation	440	

Electricity	286	
Skating Rink Maintenance	400	
Warming Hut Repairs	109	
Moving Monument, Flag & Honor Roll	2,467	
Portable Toilet	170	
Groundskeeping	1,258	
Water Testing	97	
Pool Supplies	20	
Miscellaneous	135	
TOTAL		5,382

Cemeteries

Supplies & Rakes	282	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	154	
Starr King	690	
Indian	290	
Hillside	900	
Forrest Vale	969	
Riveton	415	
Kilkenny View	700	
TOTAL		4,400

Government Buildings

Fuel - Town Hall	713	
Electricity - Town Hall	627	
Convert Town Hall Heat Remove Old Furnace and Fuel Tank	4,668	
Grounds	1,008	
Install Panic-bars Town Hall	890	
Emergency Lights	85	
Bookcases, Carpet & Blinds	606	
Pave Parking Lot	3,480	
Install Outlets in Basement	196	
Miscellaneous	383	
TOTAL		12,656

Transfer Station

Salaries		
Frank Gray	7,551	
Paul Couture	1,449	
Stephen Heath	65	
Wayne Reed, Jr.	1,175	
Francis Dingman	1,115	
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	871	
Hauling MSW	11,148	
District Hazardous Waste Fee	241	
AVRRDD - Annual Assessing	9,038	

Landfill Fees	6,622	
Electricity	370	
Dump Stickers	130	
Dumpster Rent	640	
Monitoring Well Testing	1,764	
Miscellaneous Expenses	451	
Construction Container Rent	828	
Hauling Construction Debris	2,322	
Debris Disposal	6,959	
Phone	225	
TOTAL		52,964

Fire Department

Salary	
Vyron Lowe, Chief	1,062
Chris Milligan, Asst. Chief	437
Kevin Conway	36
Mark Corrigan	270
Ron Costa	270
Larry Coulter, Jr.	288
Mike Hatfield	121
Fred Ingerson	174
Fred Ingerson, Jr.	84
Larry Kenison	312
Scott Mardin	90
Jack Paschal	210
Wayne Reed, Jr.	126
Dayton Rivers	72
Kevin Staines	354
Raymond Stanier	66
Richard Steele	114
Jeffrey Wiseman	342
Larry Wells	300
Peter Whitney	132
Employer Share FICA and Medicare	494
Fuel Vehicle	505
New Equipment	8,876
Phone	2,728
Electricity	528
Inland Divers	199
Fuel Buildings	681
General Supplies	124
Fire Warden Salary & Expenses (934 reimburse)	2,043
Radio Repair	293
Dues	100
Advertising	52
Truck Repair & Maintenance	863

Furnace Repair	140	
Training	125	
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,482	
Gear/Clothing	811	
Miscellaneous	<u>71</u>	
TOTAL		24,975
Reimbursement		<u>934</u>
		24,041

Discounts, Abatements and Refunds

Refunds	2,559	
Removal of Tires	7,590	
Abatements Paid	2,096	
Collected Fees Paid State	<u>930</u>	
TOTAL		13,175

Sewer Disposal & Maintenance

Filter for Leachfield	69	
Mowing Leachfield	<u>620</u>	
TOTAL		689

Town Hall Addition

Building Construction	<u>14,825</u>	
TOTAL		14,825

9-1-1 Road Signs

9-1-1 Road Signs and Post	<u>3,625</u>	
TOTAL		3,625

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

	<u>Winter Roads</u>	
Salary		
Jean Paul Couture	12,577	
David Couture	2,004	
Frank Gray	4,320	
Larry Kenison	38	
Stephen Heath	<u>4,183</u>	
		23,122

	<u>Summer Roads</u>	
Salary		
Jean Paul Couture	7,909	
Frank Gray	3,144	
Fred Ingerson	<u>15</u>	
		11,068

Hired Equipment		
Welder	174	
Chainsaw	50	
Pickup	32	
Trucking & Dozer -		
Greg Kenison	<u>1,435</u>	
		1,691

Transfer Station Burning & Ground Work		
Paul Couture	1,449	
Stephen Heath	<u>65</u>	
		1,514

Moving Monument, Flag & Honor Roll		
Paul Couture	941	
Frank Gray	408	
Concrete	124	
Landscaping Ties	850	
Ledge Pak	<u>114</u>	
Bark Mulch Donated by		
Ingerson Transportation		2,437

GRAND TOTAL	\$39,832
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FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Jefferson Fire Department membership stands at twenty-two members, four being new members. We are also fortunate to have many others who will assist when needed. Attendance for meetings, trainings, and incidents has been very good this year.

The Jefferson Fire Department members attended many functions this year - Memorial Day activities, the Jefferson and Lancaster Fourth of July Parades, the Lancaster fire prevention parade, and assisted with the popular Christmas Festival. During Fire Prevention week, some of our members spent a day teaching fire prevention at our Elementary School, stressing fire prevention and fire safety. Students, teachers, and department members enjoyed the day.

This year the town of Jefferson experienced its first fire fatality in many years, the second since I joined the department in 1960.

This year we obtained a 1986 10-wheel International truck, cab and chassis only, from the NH Department of Transportation. Our goal is to place a 3,000-gallon water tank and pump on the chassis and update the truck's needs. This will be our newest piece of equipment, replacing the 1959 military truck. This will give us a more modern piece of equipment with more water capacity, making our initial attack on a structure fire more realistic, as we rely heavily on mutual aid towns for assistance.

We ask that you vote yes on Warrant Article #7. This will greatly help the town move towards the twenty-first century, as all of our trucks are aging greatly and becoming less efficient and outdated, according to NFPA standards and ISO (fire insurance rating for the town).

This is the listing of our trucks by year of manufacture:

Engine 3	1954 Dodge 3/4 ton pumper
Tanker 2	1958 International 2,000-gallon tank
Tanker 1	1959 Curtis-Wright military 1,000-gallon tank
Engine 1	1975 Ford pumper fire engine
Support Van	1977 Equipment Van

We cannot stress enough how important it is to have working smoke detectors, to practice good housekeeping, and have at least two working ABC extinguishers. Most of all, when in doubt, "GET OUT". Call 911 to summon the emergency service you require - FIRE - AMBULANCE, or POLICE.

We would like to thank all our members who give their time, to keep the department going, to all our townspeople - THANK YOU for your continuous support, our mutual aid system (we think the best in the State), Jefferson Fast Squad, and Lancaster Emergency Services. We also would like to thank the dispatchers who take our calls at the NH DOT office in Lancaster, and any others we may have missed.

Remember Fire Prevention = Fire Safety

Check and replace smoke detector batteries every six months.

Respectfully submitted,
VYRON D. LOWE, Chief

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

1998 Incident Responses

Alarm Activations	4
Building Check	5
Chimney Fire	1
Assists to Jefferson	
Fast Squad	3
Illegal Burn	2
Mutual Aid Assists	5
Railroad Tie(s)	1
Structure Fire	1
Tree on Wires	2
Vehicle Collisions	6
Vehicle Fire	2
Total	<u>32</u>

OFFICER ROSTER 1998

Chief	Vyron Lowe
Assistant Chief	Christopher Milligan
Captain	Ronald Costa
Lieutenant	Mark Corrigan
Lieutenant	Lawrence Kenison
Lieutenant	John Paschal

JEFFERSON FIREMAN'S ASSOCIATION REPORT

The Jefferson Fireman's Association wishes to thank all who have given us support this past year through generous donations, and to all who attended and made donations to make our Fourth of July and Columbus day weekend pancake breakfasts a real success.

The Fireman's Association is separate from the fire department. This consists of four officers and members. Each association member is a member of the department. We are a non-profit organization, the money we raise is used to help obtain equipment and other items to help benefit us and the fire department.

Again, thank you for the past and continuous support.

Respectfully submitted,
MARK CORRIGAN, President
Jefferson Fireman's Association

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wildfires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 Fire Statistics

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

<u>Fires Reported by County</u>		<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
		Arson/Suspicious	16
		Illegal	231
		Rekindle	43
		Disposal of Ashes	19
TOTAL FIRES		798	
TOTAL ACRES		442.86	

"REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!"

RICHARD C. BELMORE
Forest Ranger

VYRON D. LOWE, II
Forest Fire Warden

1998 LIBRARY REPORT

As the old time saying goes, "All Good Things Take Time". Our progress on the extension to the rear of the building, a rampway to provide handicapped-accessibility, plus bathroom facilities has met with having revisions made to the ramp design. We give thanks to Cathy Conway for her many voluntary hours of re-planning this area. All construction plans to a Public Building have to meet State specifications, pass all Fire codes, as well as appearance to its Historical structure. Thanks goes to Burleigh Wyman for drawing the additions rough plan and engaging architect, Bob Harwood, to complete those of which are still in the preparation mode.

The North Country League of Women Voters terminated its organization, thus giving our Library a donation of \$181.09 as a "Thank You" in behalf of their members from Jefferson.

Another welcome surprise came when Jerome and Anna Zajic wished to share their bounty from timbers cut off their land in Jefferson. They donated \$125.00 in memory of Roland Nevers.

The Brownstone Book Fund in New York donated 100 books, mainly children's. The Youth Project of Starr King Grange #124 gave 6 children books in behalf of helping to oppose the issue of literacy. Postmaster, William Jones donated a space saving Copier Machine to benefit our patrons.

Yankee Magazine had an offer of a one year free subscription to anyone of our choice when we paid our dues. The Fifth Grade of Jefferson Elementary were the receivers.

National Library Week held in April was recognized by a Story and Craft hour. During the summer months a Summer Reading Program of "Live Free and Read" was held. There were story and craft hours and a visit to the Twin Mountain Fish Hatchery. The State of N.H. presented our library with a K.B.&A. Grant of \$250.00 for participation to the Leslie Smith Musician and Story Telling Show for this event. In late fall Children's Book Week was observed when "Merry Christmas" posters, "Christmas Night" stories, and "Christmas" poems were presented by Jefferson Elementary School students for judging with awards given to winners. There were story and craft hours held during the Christmas Festival weekend.

The Friends of the Library donated a video rack, planted flowers in tubs by the walkway and held their annual Bake

Sale, November 21st, to support the Library where needed.

The catalogue card file needs to be updated. If anyone could volunteer time for this it would be appreciated.

Our deepest gratitude goes to all who have so generously donated in any form to help our prosperity.

We are a level one library – all ages can enjoy books, cassettes, videos, patterns, craft ideas and historical artifacts. You are invited to visit our town's first schoolhouse with its wealth of learning – THE LIBRARY.

Respectfully submitted,

WILMA CORRIGAN, Trustee Chairman
ADELE WOODS, Trustee
LENA SAVAGE, Trustee
BRENDA GROSS, Librarian

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The members of the Board of Adjustment are appointed by the Selectmen upon the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment. The present members are: Kim Perry, Chairman; Jason Call, Vice Chairman; Dale Paschal; Burleigh Wyman; Ron Gifford. Alternates are Craig Clukay and Kricket Ingerson.

The Board of Adjustment met as necessary on the second Thursday of each month in the Selectmen's Office. All meetings were open to the public. All hearings and rehearings are posted at the Town Hall and the Post Office.

The Board held four (4) abutters hearings. Two (2) setback variances were granted. Two (2) special exceptions were granted. The granted special exceptions were: one (1) special exception for a small business in sales of Christian books and products; one (1) special exception to convert building from residential to a small business in Plumbing & Heating Corporation with office space and warehouse for storage of inventory.

During the coming year the Board of Adjustment will continue to deal with variances and special exceptions of the Land Use Ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,
RITA M. LARCOMB
Secretary

PLANNING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

The Jefferson Planning Board consists of the following members: James Irish, chairman; Ernest Gaudes, vice-chairman; Vernard Bronson; Earl Brooks; Richard Corvinus; and Selectmen's representative, Carroll Ingerson. Associate members are: Mary Denison, James Brady Jr., Joseph Marshall, John Marshall, and Gordon Winsor.

The Board has met on every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, except Christmas, town meeting, primary election, and if there was severe weather. All meetings are open to the public.

The Board held two preliminary hearings, one abutter's hearing, and several informal consultations; approved one minor subdivision, one boundary line adjustment, and three voluntary mergers.

The Planning Board worked hard this year towards the completion of the town's Master Plan, a project in the works for many years. Much credit must go to Board member Dick Corvinus for his dedication in seeing the project through.

Public hearings were held to adopt the Master Plan, and changes in the "Subdivision Procedures and Regulations" - the changes pertaining to definitions and roads.

The Planning Board applied for and received a grant from the Dunn Foundation. The grant will be applied to a landscape plan at the new location of the flagpole, war memorial, and water fountain. North Country Council's "North Country Community Development Center's" community design program will provide technical design assistance.

During this past year the Planning Board received a commendation from Governor Jean Shaheen for their support of the Forest Legacy Program's funding of the Pond of Safety property which protects this property from any development.

Dick Corvinus was invited to participate as a member of the North Country Scenic and Cultural Byways Committee which proposed five scenic byway loops, one of which became a National Scenic and Cultural Byway. This byway includes US Route 2 from Gorham to Lancaster. As a result, funding became available to upgrade and pave the scenic pull-off by the golf course this spring.

The Planning Board also went on record with the

Department of Environmental Services as being dissatisfied with the proposed amendments to the Sludge Management Rules because recommendations made by the University of New Hampshire and the Soil Conservation Service regarding the types of soils to be land spread were not included.

The Board regularly works with the Selectmen and the community-at-large in matters that relate to the Planning Board.

Board members have attended several out of town meetings and workshops sponsored by the NH Municipal Association, North Country Council, and the Department of Environmental Services.

The Board uses the services of the North Country Council, NH Municipal Association, and private consultants in its decision making process.

During the coming year the Planning Board will continue to monitor and update the Planning Board regulations, and Land Use Plan Ordinance. Work will also continue on additional material for the Master Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,
RUTH C. LOWE, Secretary

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Jefferson Conservation Commission is a town board appointed by the selectmen. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the town office. Our mission is to ensure the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources of Jefferson, in accordance with RSA 36-A.

During 1998 we participated in a variety of workshops, field trips and meetings:

- February: Environmental impacts of the ice storm
Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge slide program at the Town Hall
- April: Map Reading Workshop in Lancaster
Pond of Safety meeting with Randolph Conservation Commission
Assistance trip to the new Dummer Conservation Commission
- May: Land & Water Conservation Fund workshop at the Town Hall
Spruce Grouse Survey at Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge
Presidential Range Rail-Trail meeting
- August: John's River Watershed meeting with County Forester Sam Stoddard
- October: Citizens for NH Land and Community Heritage meeting in Concord
Natural Resource Inventory workshops in Lancaster

Some of us also attended the Municipal Law Lectures in Littleton, and the N.H. Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting in Concord.

During the year we helped the Fire Department get approval of the plans for a dry hydrant at the little pond, corner of Israel River Road and Larcomb Road. We helped obtain the approval of the DES for Jim Martin to riprap the eroding banks of Israel's River behind his house. Also, we wrote a letter to DRED supporting the Randolph Mountain Club's application for a grant to help in relocating the Owl's Head Trail.

For the Adopt-A-Highway Program we picked up trash along Route 2. Our Bicentennial Garden, beside the skating rink,

thrived, the perennials spreading well. At the Pondicherry Wildlife Refuge we assisted with the preparation of a new Bird Checklist and helped construct a new trail.

Commission membership stands at four people and we are seeking three new members. We lost the full time participation of Mary Denison who has returned to school, and Jean Cargill who is now working with the Student Conservation Association. They remain as alternate members. In late November Dominique Paulus-Warner moved to Red Lodge, Montana, bringing our active membership down to four.

Respectfully submitted,
MARJORIE M. DOAN, Chairman

Winifred Ward, Helen Merrill, David Govatski
Alternate members: Mary Denison, Jean Cargill,
Bruce Houghton

JEFFERSON F.A.S.T. SQUAD

Yet another year has whisked by and it seemed to go by very rapidly as our call volume seems to be keeping us very busy. The squad responded to 82 calls this past year. This is an increase from 1997 when we took on 69 calls. During this past year we have had a dramatic increase in falls, some of which have turned out to be very serious. Due to all of the rain and ice we have been getting, it became very hard to stay on our feet. Again we try to continue to strive to maintain our skills to give the best quality care to the townspeople of Jefferson. There are very few weeks that go by when we are not either going to meetings with other squads, seminars, or continuing education classes. It's hard to stay ahead of all the mandated updates the state requires you to have. The year 2000 is approaching fast and we hope to be just one step ahead so we can plunge forward rather than fall back.

Since the 911 system has been in place, it seems to be working out pretty well now that they have most of the bugs out of it. Now, you can call 911 for fire, police or ambulance if you need any or all of these services 24 hours a day. It's a great idea to always post 911 stickers on or near your telephone, especially if you have small children around. Once you teach them how to use the system, you will be very surprised on how just one day they may save your life. During this past summer, I noticed that many houses in town do not have any numbers on them whatsoever. Without some sort of numbering system, it can be very difficult to find just where you are, especially at night. We suggest that you find out what your exact physical address is and either put those numbers on your house or on your mailbox. Any way that we can locate you faster can be that split second between life and death sometimes.

We have added yet another piece of equipment to our roster that will prove to be vital before the winter months fade away. It is a type of rescue sled that is made of a very durable plastic that we can put injured people into when they are way out in the woods or places that we cannot get to with an ambulance. Due to the number of snowmachines that come through the area, this would be a life saving tool and it works great in the snow. The most important tool we could really use at this time would be some new members to the squad. There are so many things that need to be done, it's hard for just one or two people to get the job done. If you know of anyone that might

be interested in becoming an E.M.T. please feel free to call me at home. I'd be more than happy to fill you in on exactly what we do and what we stand for.

Again, we would like to thank the dispatchers at Weeks Memorial Hospital and also the Department of Transportation Office for the numerous times they have helped us through the year. They are very reliable and are always there when you need them to help you through tough situations. Our hats off to you.

On behalf of the Jefferson F.A.S.T. Squad, we wish to extend our thoughts and prayers to all of you and hope you have a safe and happy 1999.

Respectfully submitted,
LAWRENCE W. COULTER, JR.
Director

Fire Calls	.32
Medical Emergencies	.18
Falls	.18
Care Refused	.06
Emergencies Transfers	.04
Motor Vehicle Accidents	.02
Non-Emergency Transfers	.01
No Transport (Evaluation)	.01

JEFFERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1998 was a very fast paced year for the Jefferson Historical Society. To say that we were busy would be an understatement. We are happy to report that we have gained much ground in outlining the future of the organization. The willingness of the members to pitch in and accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves show there is a great deal of pride in our community.

Over 250 people attended the 3 slide presentations that we sponsored at the town hall. We would definitely like to do more of this type of event in the future, and even produce our own programs. As we kept the museum open an extra six hours a week this summer, the number of visitors tripled (to more than 300) from the previous year. That increase in patronage was also due to the fabulous WWII exhibit created by Bonnie Hicks and Debbie Dubois. Yearly rotating exhibits are another objective of the Society, to highlight different aspects of the town's history.

As a gamble, the Society decided to try something that has never been done in the area and sponsor a postcard show and sale. On August 22nd over 300 people descended on the town hall to browse through and purchase an amazing amount of historical and collectible material that was displayed by dealers from all over New England. Collectors from as far away as Boston and New York came to find new material for their collections. Attendees and dealers alike expressed a great desire to do this on a yearly basis. This can be a very solid fundraiser for us.

A slide projector, screens, computer and food for our fundraisers were just a few of the items generously donated by town businesses and residents.

While the public has seen a very busy historical society with the above mentioned programs and events, this is just the tip of the iceberg. A tremendous amount of work has been done to begin an inventory of the museum, with several members attending seminars in Concord to help facilitate this effort.

Full agendas at well-attended meetings have been shaping the organization into one that will be contributing to the community for generations to come.

Probably the hardest thing the membership did this past year was to vote to look for a new home for our museum and,

when that is found, leave the church building where the museum is currently housed. This tough decision has opened up a host of promising possibilities for us and we believe it will allow us to become more productive in the future.

As in years past we appreciate your consideration of \$300.00 to help cover insurance costs for our museum. The community's support and enthusiasm helps keep our organization thriving.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE MARSHALL
President

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

1998 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

The Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal District ended 1998 with unaudited assets of \$999,918.69. Liabilities were \$225,000 which consists of long-term debt to the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank for money borrowed to build and equip the Materials Recovery Facility. This is a ten year bond with the final payment due in August 2001.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Operating Capital (Cash on Hand)	\$102,392.04
Household Hazardous Waste Reserve	26,241.61
Equipment Capital Reserve	85,795.00
MRF Development Reserve	46,163.25
Recycling Equipment	148,933.00
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)	531,608.00
Office Equipment	11,031.79
Land (Route 110)	47,754.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$999,918.69
LONG-TERM DEBT	225,000.00
NET WORTH	\$774,918.69

The 1998 budget apportionment to our member municipalities totalled \$398,578.00. A surplus of \$122,312.09 from the 1997 budget was used to reduce apportionments with a net budget of \$276,265.91 being billed to our member municipalities. The proportionate share of the credit for the Town of Jefferson was \$5,102.48 reducing your gross apportionment of \$14,140.15 to \$9,037.67. Preliminary reconciliation of the 1998 budget shows a surplus of approximately \$93,101.94 being available to credit toward 1999 apportionments.

Our Materials Recovery Facility processed a total of 2,534.06 tons of recyclables for the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 representing \$77,861.61 of marketing income to the District. For every ton recycled, income is generated and the cost of disposal at the landfill is avoided.

During the period November 1, 1997 through October 31, 1998, the fiscal accounting year for municipal solid waste (MSW), 8,081.80 tons of MSW were disposed of at the Mt. Carberry Landfill. The cost of disposal was \$238,546.29.

Election of officers was held at the District Annual Meeting in April 1998. Raymond Chagnon of Berlin was re-elected District Chairman, Clara Grover of Errol was elected Vice Chairman and Earl Wadsworth of Dummer was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Other District Representatives are Michael Duchesne of Milan, Yves Zornio of Gorham, David Tomlinson of Randolph, Rita Cloutier of Jefferson, Jeffrey Brown of Northumberland, Fred King of Coos County and George Bennett of Stark.

In May 1998, the District Office moved from 191 Main St., Berlin to 15 Mt. Forist St., Post Office Building, First Floor, Berlin.

In June 1998, the District conducted its seventh annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was at the Gorham Town Garage with 316 households participating. The project was funded through a charge of 25 cents per capita for the population of each member municipality based on the 1990 federal census population count. The State of New Hampshire reimbursed the District for one-half of the total cost after the collection was completed. The District contracted with Laidlaw Environmental, Inc. for the collection. This event is conducted annually, the first Saturday in June.

In anticipation of the closure of the Cates Hill Landfill, the District Board of Directors had a conceptual site plan prepared for a transfer station to be located at our District MRF to accommodate construction and demolition debris and bulky waste. Financing for construction of the transfer station will be through an assessment in 1999 of \$5.62 per capita for the population of each member municipality based on the 1990 federal census population count. The facility is scheduled to be completed by November 1999.

During 1998, the Administrator/Coordinator charged 1,447.75 hours of work completed to the District. 1,297 pieces of incoming correspondence and 1,360 pieces of outgoing correspondence were processed. 1,748 telephone calls were received or made and 24,615 copies were reproduced on the office copier. 241 meetings on numerous subjects and issues were attended.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON E. GAUTHIER
Administrator/Coordinator

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL AT 25 YEARS

A Letter from the Executive Director

As North Country Council completed its 25th year of operation in 1998, we recalled working with the 279 local boards in the North Country in the completion of over 1300 projects since 1973. Starting as an organization that served five towns in 1973, NCC's membership now encompasses 47 towns, 23 unincorporated places and 2 counties, more political jurisdictions than any other regional planning commission in the state. With this growth in membership, we have seen some extraordinary changes in the last twenty-five years.

In 1973, a first class stamp was 8 cents. A local phone call involved dialing the last four digits of the number on a rotary dial phone. A telephone in a car was the stuff of Dick Tracy. Some of us had photocopy machines, nobody had personal computers let alone fax machines. A hand held calculator was both a \$100 luxury and a technological marvel.

Hundreds in the North Country worked in shoe and glove factories; many more worked in wood products industries. Employees at Lincoln's paper mill outnumbered workers at Loon Mountain. Ski area operators prayed for natural snow. Snowmobiles were slow, awkward contraptions. A job at a local bank was a lifetime position, and those banks often made loans to established customers on a handshake. General practitioners delivered all the babies in the region; obstetricians and most other specialists were based in Hanover or further south.

Main Streets were dotted with Woolworths and Newberrys. Local dairies left milk in a metal box on your doorstep. Subsidized housing for elderly and families was a novelty. Industrial Parks were in the dream stage. Municipal sewage treatment plants were rudimentary, if they existed at all. At dusk, you could go to the local town dump and watch foraging bears. There were fewer than five master plans in all 51 North Country towns.

There were five traffic lights in the entire 3500 square mile region of the North Country. Except for an isolated section in Littleton, the four lane, 70 mph interstate ended in Lincoln. After 9 p.m., you couldn't buy gas or a cup of coffee north of exit 23. A long distance drive in Coos County after 9:00 p.m.

meant utter solitude. Route 115 from Jefferson to Carroll was a trucker's ordeal. Congestion on Route 16 through the Conways was an occasional summertime annoyance.

We had no VCR's, no video stores and no satellite dishes. If we had any TV reception at all, we received channel 8 and a fuzzy channel 3. Few towns were equipped with cable and few of the people in those towns were connected to it. We packed gyms for basketball games and town halls for town meetings. Today, community gatherings are more sparsely attended. We gained ESPN, but we also lost something too.

It seems that, advances in communication and transportation made us less remote from the world but cruelly, they have made us more remote from our own communities. We are now more likely to e-mail someone across the country than we are to have our next door neighbor in for a cup of coffee. Big highways have brought us more visitors. Although they come more frequently, those visitors tend to stay for shorter intervals. Moreover, today's visitors seem to demonstrate less stewardship of the North Country. When people are less rooted in a place, they are less likely to invest time to make that place better. Yet, the changes and social upheaval we have witnessed cannot be blamed wholly on new technology and infrastructure.

Since 1973, Washington overhauled policies governing banking, energy, environment, international trade and myriad other aspects of our daily life. The impact of new legislation on "community fabric" and local enterprise was deep and far-reaching. Banks and health care providers changed drastically. Some towns sprouted second homes and condominiums while other towns clung tenaciously to mainstay manufacturers and watched those manufacturers decline, disappear or reinvent themselves entirely. Old jobs vanished and new ones emerged. During this time of pervasive economic and social change, NCC helped to write more than 40 master plans with our member towns to guide or limit growth or just to help a town get a handle on its destiny.

The North Country Council is not the same organization it was in 1973, anymore than your town is the same as it was. As your town and its needs changed over the years, our role and response has changed. For example, we will always advocate better roads, rails and trails, but now we endeavor to

showcase local landscapes, history and cultural heritage, to get people out of their cars, and to encourage other modes of transportation. Changing times summon new initiatives. Twenty-five years ago we worked primarily with municipalities in housing and community planning. Now we also work with social service organizations, health care providers, school districts and non profits to meet new needs. In 1973, our infrastructure work program was focused exclusively on sewer systems, water systems and storm drainage systems, to bring them into compliance with newly established federal regulations. Now, as challenges ranging from solid waste to economic development resist local solutions, our focus has become more regional. In 1999, one of our primary infrastructure goals is to strengthen community, build economic base, supplement our education and health care delivery and encourage a well-informed citizenry by upgrading telecommunication capacity in the region.

The last twenty-five years left NCC with rich legacies. We have an expert knowledge of the North Country and its interface with Concord and Washington. Half of the staff at the Council are North Country natives and the other half have lived here more than half of their lives. Our staff knows what works in the North Country and how to get things done. We have learned to seek incremental improvements through sharing information, evaluating policies, holding forums, building partnerships, linking agencies, informing citizens and state/federal officials, providing technical support and securing funds. Twenty-five years of experience has given us the knowledge and the technology to serve you better. These legacies are the promise of our next twenty-five years of service.

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION LANCASTER CAP OUTREACH OFFICE

Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. is once again seeking your support through town funding of our local Community Contact office in Lancaster.

We are requesting funding level with last year's amount of \$650.00.

This money is spent on operational costs of maintaining a presence in the area. Your funding is combined with that of the Community Services Block Grant, Fuel Assistance monies through the Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, and the New Hampshire Emergency Shelter Grant. It is not used to cover salaries.

The residents of Jefferson received \$29,649.79 in assistance during the fiscal year through programs offered by Tri-County CAP.

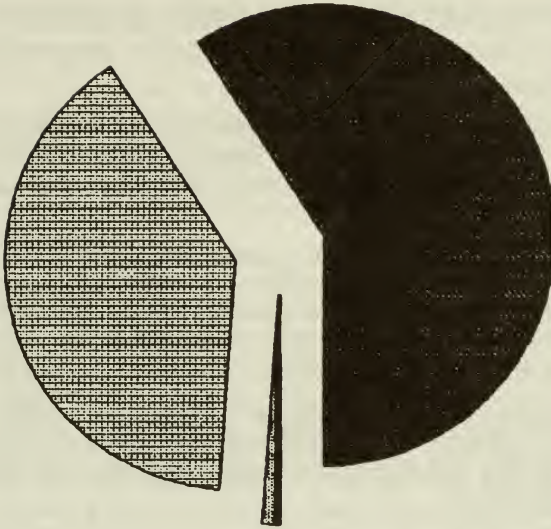
In addition to the many financial resources offered, the Community Contact office serves as a center of information and referral for area residents.

We appreciate your continued support of our program and look forward to working with you in the coming year to benefit Jefferson residents.

Sincerely,

AMY FOGG

Community Contact Office



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***TOTAL DOLLARS SPENT:
JEFFERSON
\$29,649.79***

EMERGENCY ASSIST	\$ 150.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE	\$11,766.79
FOOD ASSISTANCE	\$ 240.00
WEATHERIZATION	\$17,493.00

LITTLETON REGIONAL HOSPITAL**262 Cottage Street • Littleton, NH 03561 • (603) 444-7731**

Dear Selectmen:

We respectfully request your considerations toward assisting Littleton Regional Hospital by appropriating \$2,000 toward the expense of charity care provided to residents of the Town of Jefferson.

During 1998, the number of registrations from the citizens of Jefferson amounted to 578. Littleton Regional Hospital provided \$842,394 of free care to area residents during the same period. These dollars only include accounts for individuals who truly do not have the resources to pay for their care.

Our facility continues to sponsor many free health clinics, seminars, and screenings which residents from your town participate in. We look forward to furthering our relationship as the years go on.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. PEARSON
Administrator

WEEKS HOME HEALTH SERVICES

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Weeks Home Health Services, we want to report to the residents of Jefferson that 1998 was a year of change and challenges in home health care...and to thank you for your continued support and caring. Without your investment in the agency and its Mission, we could not have served so many residents of the North Country.

This year was probably the most dramatic and difficult year in the history of home care. Hundreds of home care agencies across the nation have been forced to close operations. With the changes in Medicare reimbursement to the Interim Payment System (IPS), cost limits per patient have been implemented. Fortunately, Weeks Home Health Services has been able to operate within the Medicare cost limits by effective case management and by transferring patient care to other programs such as Senior Council on Aging (SCOA) and Title XX. This can only be a short term solution. The future challenge for the agency (the State and the nation) is to develop effective long-term programs which will meet the needs of the frail, sick elderly in their own homes...in place of the more restricted choice of institutional care.

To further compound the changes, additional Medicare requirements have been placed on the agency: OASIS (an outcome-based assessment with 97 data elements), Sequential Billing (which delays payment for services) and Requests for Case Documentation (which requires numerous hours of copying, submitting appeals, and the reduction of patient care time).

But many positive events have occurred during the year. The agency passed the survey by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and is accredited for the next 3 years. The agency joined the Rural Home Care Network, a collaboration of 14 rural home health agencies working towards joint contracting. In combination with the hospital, the agency has signed an agreement with HBOC (a software company) to provide computerized clinical services; it won't be long before home health nurses will be documenting services directly onto a laptop computer.

The agency has submitted its application for Medicare Hospice Certification and is in the midst of the review process.

The agency will work together with Hospice of the Lancaster Area to better serve the terminally ill.

The agency's professional and para-professional staff provided excellent care to 243 patients. There are 4 supervisory/billing staff; 5 registered nurses; 11 home health aides; 5 homemakers; and 6 companions. The agency contracts for physical, occupational and speech therapies, and medical social services. It's a great team! During the last year, the agency provided 5,637 nursing visits; 10,494 home health aide visits; 1,034 therapy visits; 70 medical social service visits; and 33,832 (1/2 hour) units by homemakers and companions.

Particular to the Town of Jefferson, the agency provided a total of 1,159 home visits/ units of service: 232 visits by registered nurses; 52 visits for rehabilitation therapy and medical social services; 139 visits by home health aides; and 736 (1/2 hour) units by homemaker-companions.

In conclusion and in the midst of so many changes, Weeks Home Health Services is committed to providing the best possible care to the communities we serve. A very special thanks to our staff, to our Board of Directors, to the hospital Trustees and administration, and to the Towns which support our programs.

BOB FINK, MSW
Executive Director

1998 REPORT OF SERVICES NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC.

Each year, home health care plays a larger role in providing community-based health care services and programs. Increasing numbers of people prefer to receive their health, medical and supportive care and services outside the hospital or nursing home. These people include seniors who need help to stay in their own homes, adults who are caring for aging relatives, young people with chronic illnesses and people of all ages who are discharged following always briefer hospital stays.

North Country Home Health Agency (NCHHA) nurses, therapists, aides, homemakers and companions assist people who are recuperating from surgery, individuals coping with chronic illnesses and families and community members caring for loved ones and friends. Expensive hospital stays are reduced, moves to nursing homes are eliminated or delayed and families are supported through the competent and comprehensive care provided by NCHHA staff. By attending to the needs of the uninsured and under-insured, NCHHA is helping contain town and county health care expenses.

In 1998, NCHHA, like other low-cost and efficient home care agencies, was faced with severe reductions in Medicare reimbursements. Our greatest challenge became addressing our priority to provide essential services to all, regardless of their ability to pay. Thanks to town support, county and state grants, individual donations, and a modest reserve fund, NCHHA continues its 27-year tradition of responding to the home health care needs of North Country residents.

Explanation of Services:

Skilled services - shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

Supportive Services - Home health aides, homemakers, and companions ensure ill and disabled people can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals and help in their daily lives.

Hospice - a holistic, family-supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Community Education - an essential element of home health care's success is the emphasis on education, giving individuals and families the knowledge necessary to actively participate in their care. This approach is duplicated in the wider community through educational programs and health screenings.

Services provided to residents of the Town of Jefferson in 1998 included 413 visits by nurses, therapists, aides, homemakers and companions.

Additionally, NCHHA provided 55-health screenings and clinics to the public in 1998. Approximately 1350 individuals participated in these preventive health programs.

***North Country Home Health Agency;
Supporting You, Alongside Your Family and Physician***

Respectfully submitted,
MARY E. RUPPERT
Executive Director

1998
WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH
AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
Director's Report

Highlights of 1998:

1998 was a year of challenges and achievements for our organization.

We were challenged by decreasing revenues and increasing demands for our mental health services. In these difficult times, the need for our services continues to escalate. More often than we would like, we have been forced to ask people requesting non-emergency services to wait for appointments with our outpatient clinical staff. At any point during the year, approximately 850 people are being seen on an active basis. We are continually striving to offer quality services in a responsive manner at a cost which local families can afford. The contributions of the twenty-two towns we serve are crucial in this effort.

Our developmental services staff also face challenges in continuing to individualize the supports we provide. Making choices regarding one's own life may seem like a basic part of living, but is relatively new to persons with a developmental disability who may have spent much of their lives in an institution where choices were made for them. Assisting individuals in the process of connecting with the community as a unique person with hopes, needs and desires often requires a great deal of patience and creativity.

Our achievements have included obtaining the highest possible level of accreditation, a three year accreditation, from the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). In its report, CARF commended the agency for our "outstanding program quality". We have also been successful in continuing to offer local services at our three satellite offices in the towns of Woodsville, Lincoln and Lancaster. We have strengthened many partnerships with schools, hospitals, social service agencies and other community services in these towns during the past year, and we greatly appreciate their support, flexibility and cooperation.

Service Statistics:

During 1998, **31 Jefferson residents received 693 hours**

of service. These residents were either uninsured or underinsured, and were not able to pay the full cost of services. Our services include:

- 24 hour emergency service
- individual, group and family therapy
- outreach services to severely emotionally disturbed children and their families
- in-home support and treatment to elders
- substance abuse counseling
- experiential, activity based program for adjudicated adolescent boys
- psychiatric assessment and medication
- psychological assessments
- housing, vocational, and case management services to persons with severe mental illness

Thank you for your contribution to our services.

Respectfully submitted,
JANE C. MacKAY, LCSW
Area Director

ENMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

1998 was the fifteenth year for the Scholarship honoring the late Charles and Dorothy Enman who were both active and highly regarded in the Jefferson Elementary School. The fund was able to provide scholarship funds for Brian and Starsha Ingerson in 1998.

Any Senior who is a resident of Jefferson attending either high school or private school, regardless of location and planning on continuing his or her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

We would like to again thank all who have donated to the fund.

Donations may be made by taking or sending checks to Marietta Ingerson. Checks should be made payable to: Charles Enman Scholarship Fund.

Scholarship recipients are chosen by the Jefferson Library Trustees.

Sincerely,

MARIETTA INGERTSON

NEVERS-TOWN OF JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1981 Wilbur and Gurda Nevers celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They founded Jefferson's first scholarship fund for all High School Seniors of Jefferson who wished to further their education. Applications for the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund are available at the White Mountains Regional High School.

There were seven applications for 1998, and five recipients were chosen, each receiving three hundred dollars (\$300.00). These were: Christine Hicks, Ellen Brady, Meghan DeCourcey, Kevin Meehan and Jennifer Szurley. "Congratulations to each of you!"

We are deeply grateful to the Nevers family and all others who have so generously donated to this fund, making it possible to provide assistance to our students.

Donations are welcome in any amount which may be sent to the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of Jason Call, Treasurer of Trustee of the Trust Funds.

The Trustees and Scholarship Committee are pleased to report that there was such a good response from the students of Jefferson, but are sad to announce that no donations were received this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Scholarship Committee
WILMA CORRIGAN, Trustee Chairman
ADELE WOODS, Library Trustee
LENA SAVAGE, Library Trustee
BRENDA GROSS, Librarian
POLLY BRONSON, Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE	CHILD'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Jan. 23	Benjamin David Beals	Littleton, NH	Stephen G. Beals	Kristen M. Sullivan
Jan. 23	Matthew Gregory Beals	Littleton, NH	Stephen G. Beals	Kristen M. Sullivan
Feb. 25	Garrett Forrest Hicks	Littleton, NH	Forrest P. Hicks, II	Stacey L. Chapple
July 25	Macie Renee Millett	Lancaster, NH	Steven M. Millett	Tracy M. Lambert
Oct. 26	Brody Donald Arnesen	Lancaster, NH	Robert B. Arnesen, II	Angela M. Kenison

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
Jan. 17	Manchester, NH	Mark A. Brady	Jefferson, NH
		Jacqueline Patin	Youngsville, LA
May 16	Gorham, NH	James A. Watson	Jefferson, NH
		Susan L. Nichols	Jefferson, NH
May 29	Jefferson, NH	Brian M. Page	Pawtucket, RI
		Ann Marie Landry	Pawtucket, RI
June 6	Jefferson, NH	James A. Riendeau	Jefferson, NH
		Kisa G. Savage	Jefferson, NH
June 6	Lancaster, NH	Kenneth L. Whitney	Jefferson, NH
		Carolyn P. Fisher	Jefferson, NH
July 18	Jefferson, NH	Scott A. Maxwell	St. Johnsbury, VT
		Lori A. Beavers	St. Johnsbury, VT
July 18	Jefferson, NH	James R. Lennon	Jefferson, NH
		Barbara J. Coussons	Jefferson, NH
July 18	Lancaster, NH	Michael A. Gray, Jr.	Jefferson, NH
		Gina M. Crocker	Groveton, NH
Aug. 28	Lancaster, NH	Gerard R. McMann	Whitefield, NH
		Kathryn M. Costa	Whitefield, NH
Sept. 12	Jefferson, NH	Michael T. Hill	South Windsor, CT
		Nancy E. Weston	South Windsor, CT.

DATE	PLACE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
Sept. 12	Nashua, NH	John W. Baker	Shelburne, NH
		Janice N. Redmond	Jefferson, NH
Oct. 3	Lancaster, NH	Eric J. Garland	Somersworth, NH
		Joanna R. Conway	Jefferson, NH
Oct. 31	Lancaster, NH	Christopher D. Milligan	Jefferson, NH
		Elizabeth J. Way	Jefferson, NH
Dec. 24	Jefferson, NH	David J. Wright	Bridgeton, ME
		Tammy M. Smith	Jefferson, NH
Dec. 31	Jefferson, NH	Roger A. Kenison	Jefferson, NH
		Sandra L. Kenison	Jefferson, NH

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1998

DATE	NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
Jan. 14	Maryann Walker	Lancaster, NH	David Doolan	Sarah McHarg
Mar. 26	Carolyn Jean Benedict	Jefferson, NH	Harold Kirschner	Margaret Roth
Apr. 17	Stanley G. James, Jr.	Lebanon, NH	Stanley James	Priscilla Bass
June 4	Wilfred E. Couture	Lancaster, NH	Edward Couture	Rosa Dufresne
Aug. 15	Muriel Trypheina Willoughby	Lancaster, NH	Ezra Newton	Jennie Bailey
Oct. 7	Florence Demoura	Jefferson, NH	Stillman Lincoln	Mary A. Marks
Dec. 24	Helen Vaitl	Jefferson, NH	Victor Wedl	Maria Schwarzmamm

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